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1. JAPANESE EMBASSY MINISTER (ECONOMIC AFFAIRS) KOSUGI CALLED ON IO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOREY AFTERNOON APRIL 5 TO PRESENT TEXT OF 5-POINT PROPOSAL WHICH JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVE TO UNGA SPECIAL SESSION WOULD MAKE DURING PLENARY SPEECH APRIL 10, AND TO OBTAIN US REACTION. DIFFERENCES IN TEXT RECEIVED HERE FROM THAT TRANSMITTED REFTEL APPEAR DUE TO VARIATIONS IN TRANSLATION. IN ADDITION TO TEXT HEADED "PRELIMINARY IDEAS ON CONSULTATIVE GROUP" (OR "ADVISORY GROUP"), TEXT DELIVERED IN WASHINGTON HAD FOLLOWING EXPOSITION OF FIVE POINTS:

(1) EXAMINATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNITED NATIONS NATURAL RESOURCES INFORMATION CENTER TO ANALYZE
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AND DISSEMINATE DATA ON NATURAL RESOURCES. (IT WILL BE

RECALLED THAT A SIMILAR PROPOSAL WAS MADE BY THE SECRETARIAT AT LAST YEAR'S THIRD MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, AND MANY COUNTRIES WELCOMED THE PROPOSAL.

(2) AN APPEAL FOR AN EARLY COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS REVOLVING FUND FOR NATURAL RESOURCES

EXPLORATION AND FOR POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE COUNTRIES TO THIS FUND.

(3) COMMENCEMENT BY THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY OF LONG-TERM AND BASIC STUDIES ON NATURAL RESOURCES.

(4) AN INVITATION TO HOLD THE 4TH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES IN JAPAN AT SOME APPROPRIATE TIME NEXT YEAR.

(5) ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNITED NATIONS ADVISORY GROUP ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND BASIC MATERIALS TO BE COMPOSED OF KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONS OF INTERNATIONAL STATURE.

2. IN GIVING AN INITIAL, PERSONAL REACTION, MOREY CALLED ATTENTION TO THE EXISTENCE OF MANY SECRETARIAT UNITS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES IN THE UN SYSTEM WHOSE STRUCTURE AND WORK PROGRAM NEED RATIONALIZATION AND COORDINATION, PARTICULARLY--IN FIELDS CLOSELY RELATED TO SUBJECT OF SPECIAL SESSION--THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES (CNR), THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT (CSTD), THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT (ACSTD), THE UNDPS, NATURAL RESOURCES REVOLVING FUND, AND THE SECRETARIAT'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION DIVISION. THE USG WANTED THE EXISTING UN MACHINERY TO BE IMPROVED AND MADE MORE EFFECTIVE, AND ANY ACTION IN THIS DIRECTION EMERGING FROM THE SPECIAL SESSION WOULD BE A FORWARD STEP.

3. IN THIS REGARD MOREY ASKED HOW DUPLICATION OF ONGOING WORK WOULD BE AVOIDED, IN PARTICULAR THAT OF THE CNR. HE ALSO ASKED WHETHER THE NEW GROUP WOULD MAKE SUGGESTIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO THE SECRETARIAT OR MIGHT LEVY REQUIREMENTS ON IT. ALTERNATIVELY, WOULD THE GROUP HAVE ITS OWN STAFF? IN THE LATTER CASE, WOULD THE GROUP FUNCTION MORE AS A BOARD OF DIRECTORS GUIDING THE STAFF'S PROGRAM.

4. KOSUGI HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING PROPOSAL THAN THAT CONTAINED IN TEXT GIVEN TO DEPARTMENT. ACCOMPANYING EMBASSY OFFICER (HAYASHI) COMMENTED THAT HE

BELIEVED TOKYO DID NOT INTEND GROUP TO BE AT EXPERT LEVEL SUCH AS ACASTD OR COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, BUT RATHER CONSIDERABLY MORE PRESTIGIOUS.

5. IN ADDITION TO DRAWING ON PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE, YOU SHOULD MAKE POINT OF EXPRESSING USG'S APPRECIATION FOR INTEREST OF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IN INFORMING US OF THEIR INTENDED PROPOSAL AND GIVING US OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW IT WITH THEM. YOU SHOULD ALSO COMMENT FAVORABLY ON PROPOSAL'S FOCUS ON RAW MATERIALS PROBLEM, WHICH USG HOPES WILL BE REAL ISSUE OF DISCUSSION AT SPECIAL SESSION, RATHER THAN TOTALITY OF WORLD ECONOMIC RELATIONS SEEN FROM DC VS. LDC VIEWPOINT, AS G-77 IN NEW YORK ARE PROPOSING. YOU MAY SAY THAT WE WILL BE GIVING FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO SPECIFIC PROPOSAL OF CREATING EMINENT PERSONS GROUP AND MAKE THIS PART OF OUR REGULAR CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE JAPANESE DELEGATION DURING THE SESSION. RUSH

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